

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 178

Introduced by Assembly Member Gipson

May 3, 2016

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 178—Relative to the Kevin Burrell and James MacDonald Memorial Highway and the Dess K. Phipps Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 178, as introduced, Gipson. Kevin Burrell and James MacDonald Memorial Highway and the Dess K. Phipps Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate an unspecified portion of State Highway Route 91 in the County of Los Angeles as the Kevin Burrell and James MacDonald Memorial Highway and would designate an unspecified portion of State Highway Route 91 in the County of Los Angeles as the Dess K. Phipps Memorial Highway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the costs for appropriate signs, as specified, and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering those costs, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Kevin Michael Burrell and James Wayne
- 2 MacDonald were police officers employed by the City of Compton,
- 3 who dedicated their lives to keeping its citizens safe; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Kevin Michael Burrell realized that being a police
- 5 officer meant more than just making arrests; he possessed a level
- 6 of unparalleled compassion and understanding, taking advantage

1 of every opportunity to help those less fortunate, and was lovingly
2 known as the “Gentle Giant;” and

3 WHEREAS, James Wayne MacDonald was admired by his
4 peers and had an amazing personality and, although he was only
5 required to work two shifts a month, instead chose to work two
6 shifts a week; and

7 WHEREAS, James Wayne MacDonald loved being a police
8 officer and Kevin Michael Burrell was his favorite partner to ride
9 with; and

10 WHEREAS, On February 22, 1993, Kevin Michael Burrell and
11 James Wayne MacDonald, ages 29 and 24, respectively, while
12 working as patrol car partners in the City of Compton, were fatally
13 shot by a violent gang member during a traffic stop at the
14 intersection of Rosecrans Avenue and Dwight Avenue; and

15 WHEREAS, Kevin Michael Burrell is survived by his son,
16 Kevin Junior, his mother, Edna, his sister, Bridget, and his brothers,
17 Biff, Kiki, Reggie, and Anthony, his father, Clark, having
18 subsequently passed away; and

19 WHEREAS, James Wayne MacDonald is survived by his
20 mother, Toni, and his brother, Jon, his father, Jim, having
21 subsequently passed away; and

22 WHEREAS, Dess K. Phipps was a police officer employed by
23 the City of Compton who dedicated his life to keeping the citizens
24 of the City of Compton safe; and

25 WHEREAS, Dess K. Phipps was born on June 17, 1925, in the
26 City of Stidham in the County of McIntosh, Oklahoma, and grew
27 up on a working farm in the City of Yuma, Arizona; and

28 WHEREAS, Dess K. Phipps was a member of the United States
29 Navy from June 16, 1934, to December 29, 1944, and was a veteran
30 of World War II; and

31 WHEREAS, At the age of 37, Dess K. Phipps is killed in the
32 line of duty during a high speed vehicle pursuit of a criminal on
33 October 12, 1962; and

34 WHEREAS, Dess K. Phipps is survived by his brother, Williams
35 Ross Phipps, and is succeeded in death by his loving wife, Pauline
36 Verna Winder Phipps (2012), his parents Marion (1975) and
37 Margaret Phipps (1994), and his other brother, Perry Lee Phipps
38 (1998); now, therefore, be it

39 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
40 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby designates a portion

1 of State Highway Route 91 in the County of Los Angeles as the
2 Kevin Burrell and James MacDonald Memorial Highway; and be
3 it further

4 *Resolved*, That the Legislature hereby designates a portion of
5 State Highway Route 91 in the County of Los Angeles as the Dess
6 K. Phipps Memorial Highway; and be it further

7 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested to
8 determine the costs of erecting appropriate signs, which would
9 include these special designations, consistent with the signing
10 requirements for the state highway system, and, upon receiving
11 donations from nonstate sources covering the costs, to erect those
12 signs; and be it further

13 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
14 of this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author
15 for appropriate distribution.